

## EMERGENCY COAL BUREAU TO OPEN HERE TOMORROW

Washington's emergency coal bureau, organized by Federal Fuel Administrator John L. Weaver to care for the emergency needs of Washingtonians who are suffering for want of coal, will be opened tomorrow at 1203 F street northwest.

At least half a dozen and probably more public coal distributing centers will be established in various sections of the city, from which supplies will be drawn on order of the emergency coal bureau.

These supplies will be maintained at the yards of a number of big dealers. The list of locations will probably be made public as soon as it is completed by the local fuel administration.

It is expected that the opening of the bureau will have a marked effect on the local situation.

The coal will be issued on a rationing plan and those receiving it must open their premises to inspection by the police or other authorities. This will prevent hoarding and stop all expenses of those who are without any.

Continuance of the present supply coming to Washington will also greatly relieve the pressure for coal. For months in the late fall and early winter Washington was getting practically no coal, but enough is coming now to meet requirements.

## FUEL SHORTAGE FORCES BALTIMORE SCHOOLS TO EXTEND XMAS VACATIONS

BALTIMORE, Dec. 20.—Owing to the shortage of coal, the public schools will close for sixteen days, beginning tomorrow. In preceding years the schools closed only one week during the Christmas holidays.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 20.—New England's coal situation hourly grows graver. Boston, along with many other cities, has extended the holiday recess of the schools from three days to a week in the campaign to conserve the coal supply.

Most of the street railways of New England adopted a reduced service schedule today. On many lines the service was reduced to an hourly basis. The Boston and Maine railroad today ordered a further curtailment of passenger service at once. Gov. Samuel McCall and New England Fuel Administrator James J. Storrow are in Washington today in an effort to get relief from the fuel situation.

## INVESTIGATION OF COAL SHORTAGE IN DISTRICT RESUMES AFTER HOLIDAYS

Interest in the prospective coal shortage inquiry continues unabated at the Capitol.

The Reed subcommittee, which has been digging into the sugar shortage, is going soon to take hold of the coal problem. It will not, however, get well under way in the coal investigation until after Christmas. Senator Reed, chairman of the subcommittee, will go home for Christmas and it will suspend operations for several days or a week. Thus far no District of Columbia witnesses have been called in the coal inquiry.

Clifford Thorne, of Iowa, former State railroad commissioner, who has been fighting for months against advances in rates on coal in some of the middle Western States, is here today prepared to be examined by the Reed subcommittee.

## SENATE COMMITTEE MAY SIDETRACK SUGAR, TO TAKE UP COAL, INVESTIGATION

Senator Kenyon, Iowa, today renewed his demand that the Senate sugar and coal investigating committee side track the sugar inquiry and probe the coal famine.

Backing Kenyon were Senators Vardaman, Lodge, and Jones, Chairman Reed alone, of the committee, favors going on with the sugar investigation, in spite of the fact that yesterday's sessions added little concerning the sugar shortage.

### Southern Railway Company.

Necessities of the Government in the movement of troops and supplies for the conduct of the war have compelled a curtailment of passenger train service throughout the country, and have particularly affected those lines upon which military camps are located.

Substantial reduction has been made by lines east of Washington in through sleeping car service operated in connection with the Southern Railway and is now confined to the New York-Orleans and New York-Birmingham cars on No. 22, and the New York-Memphis and New York-Nashville cars on No. 23.

Sleeping car service will be operated locally from Washington on the following Southern Railway trains:

No. 27—Atlanta section, leaving Washington 10:30 p. m.; sleeping cars to Atlanta.

No. 25—New Orleans section, leaving Washington 10:45 p. m.; sleeping cars to New Orleans.

No. 26—Leaving Washington 8:45 a. m.; sleeping cars to New Orleans and Birmingham, Coaches.

No. 28—Birmingham Special, leaving Washington 8:35 p. m.; sleeping cars to Birmingham. Effective Sunday, December 23, No. 28 will leave Washington at 4:15 p. m. Coaches are handled on No. 28.

No. 21—Leaving Washington 7:00 p. m.; sleeping cars to Augusta, Ga.; Aiken, S. C., and Asheville, N. C. Coaches.

No. 41—Leaving Washington 9:45 p. m.; sleeping cars to Chattanooga, Vicksburg, and New Orleans. Coaches on No. 41.

No. 25—Leaving Washington 4:35 a. m.; sleeping cars to Memphis and Nashville. Coaches.

Delays contribute difficulties and must, so far as humanly possible, be avoided.

Therefore, the trains enumerated above, with the exception of No. 25 and No. 26, which handle through sleeping cars, will not be held at Washington for connecting movements into Washington so as to insure connection and to satisfy themselves, beforehand, that accommodations south of Washington will be available.

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Boys' Chinchilla Overcoats and Wool Suits

The Suits Have One or Two Pairs of Pants

Coats made of excellent quality blue or gray chinchilla in pinch back styles with three-piece belts and flap pockets. Self or velvet collars and flannel linings. Sizes: 2 1/2 to 9. Very special at

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Suits made in pinch or pleated back models with three-piece belts and patch or slash pockets. One or two pair full cut pants lined and taped throughout. Brown, gray or fancy homespun or English mixtures. Sizes 7 to 17 years. Very special at \$5.55.

Sweaters, \$2.25 to \$4.98

These sweaters are made in open or close weave effects, with large shawl collars and patch pockets. Full cut and well made. Choice of gray, blue, brown, maroon or cardinal; \$2.25 to \$4.98.

Mackinaws, \$6.98 to \$9.98

Made in pinch or pleated back models, with slash or patch pockets and detachable belts; large shawl or convertible collars. An assortment of plaids, stripes, checks and cross-bar effects. Sizes, 7 to 18 years; \$6.98 and \$9.98.

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Editorial

A Tribute to Our High School Helpers

Just when the Christmas rush was beginning to be felt the most, forty High School girls and boys came to our assistance as salespeople. They've been scattered throughout the store and especially in those departments that must bear the brunt of hurried holiday shopping.

These young men and women have helped wonderfully. Without them hundreds and hundreds of patrons could not have been served properly and promptly.

We want this little space to act as a public "card of thanks" for the valuable assistance they have rendered.

If their future achievements approach the mark being set in this store during the holidays, we confidently predict a successful future for these young men and women.

First Floor—Lansburgh & Bro.

A Handbag Like One of These

would make a dainty and very welcome gift. No matter what part of the year it is, a woman must have a handbag. Even the little tots use them nowadays.

Chiffon Velvet Handbags, beautifully lined and finished with tassels; fitted with purse and mirror; \$3.25.

New Flap Model Handbag of black chiffon velvet. Flap studded with contrasting colored beads; panier handle; fitted with purse and mirror; silk lined; \$12.48.

Chiffon Velvet Handbags with covered frames. Fitted with purse and mirror; \$4.98.

Deep Model Handbag of black, navy blue or purple chiffon velvet; fitted with purse and mirror; silk lined; \$5.98.

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Jewelry

If there's one gift a woman does appreciate, it is jewelry. Velvet Neckbands, with white stone-set slides in narrow and wide effects, 98c.

Sterling Silver Lorgnette Chains, \$2.98.

10 kt. Gold Head Hat Pins, pr. 50c.

Gold-top Bar Pins, nicely boxed; guaranteed 5 years, 50c.

Genuine Shell Cameo Brooches, with gold-plated frame; assorted designs, \$2.98.

Fancy Casque Combs, in white or colored stone setting; nicely boxed, 50c.

Children's Feather Fans in all colors, 50c.

Men's Scarf Pins in a beautiful assortment of designs, 50c.

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Candy

Anyone visiting our Candy Counters will find not only things to satisfy his "sweet tooth," but also little Santa Clauses and other favors that will please the children. They also brighten up Xmas boxes sent out of town.

Fourth Floor—Lansburgh & Bro.

Bedspreads Make Ideal Christmas Gifts

\$2.50, \$3, \$4, \$4.50, \$5 Up to \$8 Each

They are here in a great assortment of prices and qualities. In the plain hemmed Marseilles we show a most pleasing line at \$2.50, \$3.00, \$4.00, \$4.50, \$5.00, \$6.00, \$7.00 and \$8.00 each. Some with embroidered edge and scalloped cut out corners, at \$4.50 up to \$10.00.

Heavy Weight Blankets at \$6.75 Pair

Full size, heavy weight Blankets, shown in white, gray or small black plaids. A large assortment of colors. At \$6.75 pair.

11-4 White Blankets at \$8.00 Pair

11-4 Fine White Part Wool Blanket, closely woven and finely finished; pink or blue borders. Pair, \$8.00.

Scarlet Blankets, \$11.75 to \$18.75

All Wool Scarlet Blankets shown in a variety of qualities and prices. Some numbers in red plaids, from \$11.75 to \$18.75. Fourth Floor, Lansburgh & Bro.

\$1.50 Corduroy Yd. 98c

This is a wide-wale corduroy that comes in a variety of the darker shades—the ones used for street garments. Full 36 inches wide.

\$1.69 Fancy Striped Silks, \$1.35

The assortment is made up of Surahs, chiffon tafetas and satin messalines, 32 and 36 inches wide. Regular \$1.69 values, yard, \$1.35.

Third Floor—Lansburgh & Bro.

Gift Undermuslins

Corset Covers made of fine quality nainsook; yokes all prettily trimmed with dainty laces and ribbon. All boxed. 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50.

Night Robes of fine nainsook lace and ribbon trimmed. Also envelope chemises of fine nainsook; yokes all trimmed with embroidery or laces. At \$1.95 and \$2.25.

White Petticoats, lace and embroidery trim m e d. \$1.00 to \$2.95.

Envelope Chemises and Night Robes, all prettily trimmed with laces; white or flesh colored. 99c and \$1.25.

Third Floor, Lansburgh & Bro.

Throngs of Happy Children

That's what there will be when they wake up and find some wearables for them.

Infants' Hand-knit Toques, 29c to 59c.

Children's Toques of hand-knit or combed Angora. 59c and 79c.

Scarfs for Children and Misses, in handsome colors or white with colored borders. \$1.50 and \$2.00 values at \$1.00.

Infants' Hand-knit Worsted Leggings, in white or colors. \$1.25 to \$1.95.

Infants' and Children's Mittens in white or colors. Sizes to 4 years. Special at 50c.

Infants' and Children's Sweaters, in white or colors. Sizes to 6 years. \$1.50 to \$4.75.

Children's and Misses' Middy Blouses, Sizes 8 to 22 years. \$1.25 to \$1.95.

Children's and Misses' All-Wool Flannel Middies. \$4.50 and \$5.00.

Children's Rain Capes of rubberized saten. Tan or blue. Plaid lined hood. Sizes 6 to 14 years. At \$2.50.

Children's Serge Dresses, sizes 8 to 14 years. At \$4.95.

Third Floor—Lansburgh & Bro.

Up to \$3 Lace Curtains, at Pair \$1.29

The greatest selection we could offer at such a low price. Nine point flit net curtains finished with self-woven lace border. Choice of white, cream or ecru. Imported madras curtains, fine Scotch lace curtains, voile curtains, finished with lined lace edge and insertion or marquisette curtains finished with Henkel lace edge. 3 to 50 Pairs of a Kind.

Seamless Wilton Velvet Rugs, \$29.75

Size 9x12 Feet

Just received a new lot of closely woven Wilton velvet rugs in neat all-over effects. Blue, tan, green or rose color combinations, \$29.75—6x9 to match, \$16.75.

Mahogany Sewing Stands, \$11.95

Made of solid mahogany in antique finish. A handsome piece that will be a useful gift for the wife, sister or mother. \$11.95.

Music Cabinets \$17.95

Large size music cabinets, made in a fine mahogany finish. At \$17.95.

Children's Fireside Armchairs, \$10.95

These armchairs are covered with pretty cretonne. Some in large size to match. \$19.75.

Large Silk Lamp Shades, \$5 to \$22.75

If your floor or table lamp needs a new silk shade, we can furnish same ready made or will make them to order to your own ideas and finish same before Christmas. Stands \$10.00 to \$15.75.

Motorists' Luncheon Suitcases, \$6.75

Full equipped with four forks, spoons, plates, cups, tin lunch box, and a place for two thermos bottles. Neatly lined with black and white enamel cloth. Each has a lock and key.

Fourth Floor—Lansburgh & Bro.

Handkerchiefs

Go Waving By

At 5c Each

Women's White or Colored Handkerchiefs with rolled edge.

Women's White or Colored Hemstitched Handkerchiefs.

Women's White or Colored Handkerchiefs with embroidered corners.

Women's Handkerchiefs with morning border.

Women's Handkerchiefs with colored centers and embroidered corners.

Women's Handkerchiefs with white or colored initial.

At 10c Each

Men's Fine Cambric Hemstitched Handkerchiefs; full size.

Men's Japonette Embroidered Handkerchiefs with silk initial.

Women's Fine Cambric Handkerchiefs with corded edge.

Women's Lawn Handkerchiefs with hemstitched or rolled edge; white or colored corners.

Women's Lawn Handkerchiefs with hemstitched or rolled edge.

At 25c Each

Men's All-linen Handkerchiefs, with or without initials.

Women's All-linen Handkerchiefs with plain or embroidered corner.

Women's Swiss embroidered corner.

Women's Fine Shamrock Lawn Handkerchiefs with white or colored embroidered corner.

Women's Silk Handkerchiefs with colored borders.

Men's Khaki All-linen Handkerchiefs.

Men's Khaki Cambric Handkerchiefs with satin stripe border.

First Floor—Lansburgh & Bro.

What About Your Ribbons

For Xmas?

Never were they lovelier than this year—a rarely exquisite display that suggests a hundred and one uses—each more delightful than the other.

Moires, Plaids and Dresdens, both light and dark tones. Yard, 25c.

Brocade Hair Ribbons, 5 inches wide. Yard, 39c.

Sash Ribbons to match, at yard, 59c.

Xmas Ribbons for tying packages. Piece, 10c.

First Floor—Lansburgh & Bro.

Art Gifts

Lace trimmed white scarfs, flit lace trimmed white scarfs, emeries and vanities, each 25c.

Smelling salts, dresser scarfs, pillow tops, handkerchief and glove boxes, vanities, pin cushions, laundry bags and waste paper baskets, each 50c.

Alpine knitting bags, Renaissance scarfs, vanities, bag rings, fruit for bags, each 75c.

Ready made pillows, baskets and trays, each \$1.00.

Cretonne pillows, scarfs, tapestry boxes, and the racks, each \$1.50.

Knitting bags, memo books, mahogany trays, scarfs, pillows, scrap baskets and work baskets, each \$2.00.

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